

To his Execy John seymour

The humble petticon of the Corporacon of the Citty of Annapolis
and the greater parte of the Inhabittants of the same humbly sheweth

That whereas in her most gracious Maj^{ties} behalfe yo^r Excey for the benefitt of her Dutifull subjects, Inhabitants in this place was pleased to grant them a Charter Incorporateing thereby this late towne of Annapolis into a Citty (it haveing formerly had the honour in Remembrance of Princes[s] Anne now our good Queen to be Erected into a towne) And in as much as it is the seat of Government the best scituated and most Convenient place for Trade wherein are a greater number of Inhabittants than in any other place in this her Maties Province who are Desirous that that parte of her Maties grant to this Citty impowering the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and five of the Common Councillmen to Ellect and send two representatives to the g[ene]rall Assembly to serve as Burgesses for this Citty may be Enlarged May it therefore please yo^r Execy soe farr to Enlarge the Charter that all persons being freeholders in this Citty (that is to say owning a whole Lott of land with a house built thereon according to Law) and that all persons actually resideing and Inhabitting in this Citty haveing a visible Estate of the Vallue of twenty pounds ster[ling], and allsoe that all persons that hereafter shall serve five years to any Trade within this Citty, and shall after the Expiracon of their Time be Actually housekeepers and Inhabittants in the same (they first takeing the Oath of free Cittizens) may have a free Vote in the Ellecting such representatives or Burgesses to Serve hereafter in all g[ene]rall assemblys as in the said Charter is Expressed And further that after the Decease or Removall of any of the Common Councillmen already Ellected and sworne by the mayor Recorder and aldermen of the said Citty all the freemen Inhabittants as aforesaid may have a free Vote in the Electing of another Common Councillman or Common Councillmen to serve in this or their place and stead — and it is further most humbly prayed that noe person or persons after the next Generall Assembly (notwithstanding being made freemen of the Citty) shall have an Ellective Voyce in the chuseing of Burgesses or Representatives for this

Citty untill they have been made free three months which is the humble Desire of your Petitioners the subscribers, and as in Duty bound Wee will ever pray Ec.

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Co: Coun ⁿ	Amos Garrett mayor	Inhabitants
John Baldwin	Wo ^{nell} Hunt Recorder	W ^m Houghton
John Brice	Aldermen	Charles Crowley
Tho ^s Docwra	W ^m Bladen	W ^m Ellett
Richard Young	John ffreeman	Rich ^d Thompson
Cha: Killbourne	Benj ^m Fordham	Sam ^{ll} Newill
Math: Beard	Evan Jones	W ^m Taylard
John Beale	Tho: Boardley	Jn ^o Gresham Jun ^r
Tho: Jones	Josiah Willson	James Wotten
Patrick Ogilvie		Christopher Smithers
Cadder Edwards		Joseph Humphrys
		John B
		W ^m Gwyn
		Richard Bukardike
		Richard Kelk
		Thomas Holmes
		John Nevarre
		W ^m Durdan

November the 18th 1708

The within Petticon granted and Ordered that The within Corporacon prepare a Charter as within

Prayed to be signed by his Execy and on her Maties behalfe sealed with the greate seale of this Province

signed per order

W Bladen Cl[erk] Co[uncil]